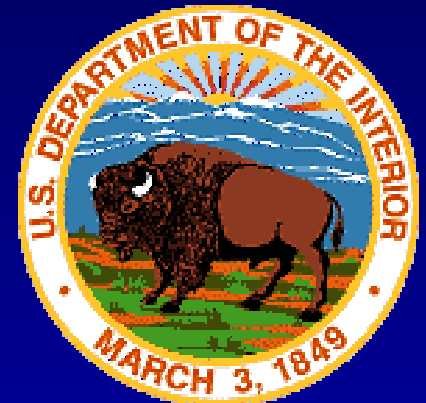
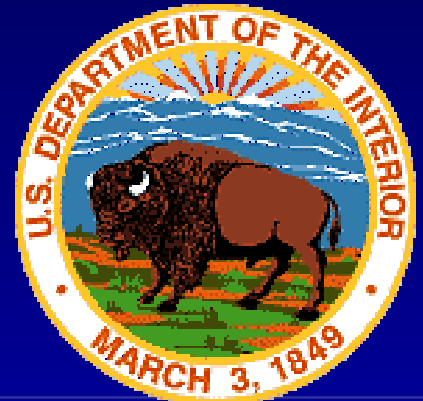


Endangered Species Grant Programs



The Private Stewardship Grants Program



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- Individuals and groups
- Private lands
- Federally listed, proposed, candidate, at-risk species
- FY 2003 - \$10M FY 2004 - \$7.4M
- Cost-share – 10% minimum (nonfederal)



The Private Stewardship Grants Program

- Funding targets are established for each of the Service's regions based equally on the number of acres of non-Federal land, as a representation of the amount of private land within each Region, and on the number of listed, proposed, candidate, and other at-risk species in each Region.
- Competitively Awarded
- Selection process: Recommendations by a diverse panel

Private Stewardship Grants Program FY 2004

- The Service received more than 280 proposals requesting over \$32 million; approximately \$7 million is available for project awards



- The Service anticipates announcing award recipients shortly

Private Stewardship Grants Program (Diverse Panels)

- Diverse panels are established in each of the Service's seven regions to assess proposals
- Diverse panel members can include:
 - **Representatives of State and Federal Government**
 - **Conservation Organizations**
 - **Agricultural and Development Interests**
 - **The Science Community Including Academia**
 - **Private Individuals**
- The size and composition of the diverse panels is at the discretion of our Regional Directors

Private Stewardship Grants Program (Diverse Panels)

- The purpose of using the diverse panels is to obtain individual advice on project selection from an array of interests involved with conservation efforts on private lands
- The Service uses the individual recommendations in prioritization and selection of projects, although geographic distribution of projects, the amount of funding requested, and other factors may also be considered by Regional Directors in making project recommendations to the Director

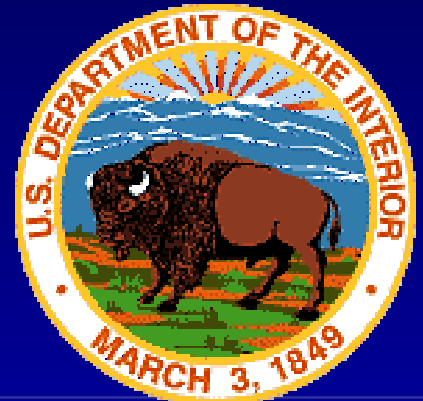
Private Stewardship Proposal Scoring Guidelines

Ranking Factor:	Project Proposal Assessment:	Number of Points:
(1) The number of federally listed, proposed, candidate, or at-risk species that will directly benefit from the project.	5 or fewer species	1
	6 or more species	2
(2) The importance of the project to the conservation of the target species, including the duration of the benefits, the magnitude of the benefits, and the urgency of the project.	Qualitative	1 – 5
(3) Other Proposal Merits. Whether the project complements other projects in the area, the project's unique qualities, feasibility of the project, or any other appropriate justifications, including particular strengths in the above categories (<u>e.g.</u> , extraordinary benefits).	Qualitative	0 – 3

Typical Private Stewardship Grants Processing Time Line

- Early in the Fiscal Year (Nov. – Dec.) Request for Proposals (RFP) Announced
- 60 days from date of RFP, proposals due to the Regional Offices
- 60 - 90 days from date of RFP, diverse panels formed, evaluation and prioritization of proposals, proposals submitted to the Washington Office
- Summer award announcement

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Section 6 of the ESA)



CESCF - (Section 6)

Grants to States in FY04

Traditional:

Conservation Grants (\$7.4M)

Nontraditional:

HCP Land Acquisition Grants (\$49.3M)

Recovery Land Acquisition Grants (\$13.5M)

HCP Planning Assistance Grants (\$8.6M)

Section 6 Nontraditional Grants

- Competitively awarded to States and Territories
- Private lands
- Federally listed, proposed, and candidate species
- Five to eight ranking factors used to determine score out of 100 points maximum

Section 6 Nontraditional Grants

- Proposals evaluated by regional and national level staff
- Cost-share – 25% minimum (nonfederal) 10% with two or more states participating
- For nationally competed programs; Regional priorities are also considered

Section 6 Nontraditional Grant Evaluation

■ Species Benefits

- Quantitative – number of species
- Qualitative – species benefits

■ Ecosystem Benefits

- Quantitative – number of acres
- Qualitative – habitat value or benefits - connectivity

■ Fostering Partnerships

- Quantitative – percent nonfederal cost share, number of partners / stakeholder

Typical Section 6 Grant Processing Time Line

- Early in the Fiscal Year (Nov. – Dec.) Request for Proposals (RFP) Announced
- 90 days from date of RFP, proposals due to the Regional Offices
- 120 days from date of RFP, evaluation and prioritization of proposals, due to the Washington Office
- Summer award announcement

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Grants

For additional information, please visit the
Endangered Species Grants Page at:

<http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/index.html>

And be sure to check out all Service grant
programs at the Grants-At-A-Glance Page:

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